

## Message Text

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TAGS: BGEN, SA  
SUBJ: STATUS OF OUTSTANDING WTDR REQUESTS

REF: STATE A-2289

1. POST HAS RECEIVED AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF WTDR REQUESTS ON FIRMS FOR WHICH A VALID REPORT EXISTS IN USDOC. WE HAVE NOT COMMENTED PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE WE FELT THAT PRACTICE WOULD BE CORRECTED. NEVERTHELESS, SITUATION CONTINUES AND, AS WITH OTHER AREA POSTS, WE HOPE THAT MORE CARE WILL BE TAKEN SINCE THESE REQUESTS CREATE UNNECESSARY WORK IN AN AREA WHERE WIDR REQUESTS ARE STEADILY INCREASING. IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1978 WE RECEIVED 115 WTDR REQUESTS.

2. THE NEED TO UPDATE WTDRS ON A 12 MONTH BASIS HAS MEASURABLY ADDED TO THE WORKLOAD. THIS, OF COURSE, WILL BE ADDITIVE TO THE ANTICIPATED 400 REQUESTS FOR THE CURRENT CALEDAR YEAR.

3. BECAUSE OF THE HEAVIER THAN AVERAGE FLOW OF WTDR  
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REQUESTS, THE SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL DUE TO TRANSFERS AND LEAVES OF FSLs AND FSOS, DELAYS CAUSED BY RECENT TRADE MISSION DUTIES, AND SIX-HOUR WORK DAYS FOR FSLs DURING RAMADAN, EMBASSY REQUESTS COMMERCE ADVISE WTDR REQUESTORS THAT NORMAL 30-DAY REPLY WILL TAKE 60 DAYS UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1978, OR UNTIL WE PROCESS THE BACKLOG, NOW ABOUT 66 WTDRS AND ANTICIPATED NEW REQUESTS.

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